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Town Officers

Moderator,
NEWELL P. MARDEN.

Town Clerk,
BLAKE H. RAND.

Selectmen,
CHARLES D. LOCKE, NEWELL P. MARDEN,
ORVILLE F. VARRELL.

Treasurer,
FREDERICK D. PARSONS.

Tax Collector,
JOSEPH H. DRAKE.

Representative to General Court,
FREDERICK D. PARSONS.

Cemetery Trustees,
GILMAN P. GOSS, C. O. PHILBRICK,
LEWIS H. FOSS.

School Board,
WALLACE S. GOSS, MRS. AGNES E. PERKINS,
WILLARD M. JENNESS.

School Treasurer,
FREDERICK D. PARSONS.

Janitor Town Hall,
DANIEL J. PARSONS.

Supervisors,
ARTHUR A. JENNESS, WALTER G. MARSTON,
ELMER B. TREFETHEN.

Road Agent,
HARRY A. WHITE.

Library Trustees,
CHARLES M. REMICK, ALFRED E. PHILBRICK,
WILLIE H. LOCKE.

Police,
C. O. PHILBRICK, EDWARD E. RAMSDELL,
ARTHUR A. JENNESS.

Board of Health,
DR. H. A. WHITE, ALFRED C. PHILBRICK,
EDWARD S. SAWYER.

Auditors,
JOHN W. JENNESS, CHESTER D. DRAKE.

Selectmen's Report

For the year ending February 15, 1916.

Polls, 278.

Land and buildings	\$1,372,888.00
Horses, 237	21,528.00
Oxen, 6	500.00
Cows, 342	14,290.00
Neat stock, 34	680.00
Sheep, 25	100.00
Fowls, 792	558.00
Vehicles and automobiles	17,665.00
Boats and launches	450.00
Wood and lumber	12,325.00
Municipal bonds and notes	6,920.00
Stock in banks	4,500.00
Money on hand	1,286.91
Stock in trade	3,300.00
Aqueducts, etc.	5,000.00
Mills	1,450.00

Total valuation	\$1,463,440.91
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Amount of veteran exemption	\$5,870.00
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Gosport valuation	21,600.00
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Tax rate, \$11.00 on \$1,000.00

Gosport rate, \$5.50 on \$1,000.00

Total amount on taxes	\$16,535.41
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EXPENDITURES

County tax	\$3,381.46
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State tax	3,072.00
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\$6,453.46

TOWN POOR

C. D. Garland, groceries for Clara Brown ..	\$36.42
C. D. Garland, groceries for Clara Brown...	29.77

 \$66.19

MOTH WORK

Harry A. Green	\$175.00
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TOWN HALL

H. P. Montgomery, rent of piano.....	\$10.00
C. E. Walker & Co., coal	18.43
Rockingham County Light and Power Co., lighting service.....	10.92
Rockingham County Light and Power Co., lighting service.....	13.72
C. E. Walker & Co., coal	9.24
Rockingham County Light and Power Co., lighting service.....	7.70
Rockingham County Light and Power Co., lighting service.....	8.40
H. P. Montgomery, rent of piano.....	10.00
D. H. McIntosh, divan.....	10.00
Rockingham County Light and Power Co., lighting service.....	3.08
Sugden Bros., lumber	3.70
Sugden Bros., lumber	1.59
Rockingham County Light and Power Co., lighting service.....	1.54
N. P. Marden, labor on fence	11.00
Rockingham County Light and Power Co., lighting service.....	1.26
Rockingham County Light and Power Co., lighting service.....	5.32
H. P. Montgomery, rent of piano.....	10.00
Rockingham County Light and Power Co., lighting service.....	5.04
M. P. Alkon, dishes.....	1.40

Rockingham County Light and Power Co., lamps	\$4.00
C. E. Walker & Co., coal	19.26
H. P. Montgomery, rent of paino.....	10.00
Rockingham County Light and Power Co., lighting service	8.54
Rockingham County Light and Power Co., lighting service	8.12
G. P. Goss, cedar posts and teaming lumber.	3.75
W. H. Locke, painting fence	1.75
C. E. Walker & Co., coal	10.64
D. J. Parsons, teaming coal	8.50

\$216.90

MISCELLANEOUS

John Templeton, printing town reports.....	\$47.50
A. R. H. Foss, order books	3.00
N. P. Marden, recording deed and expense on town reports	2.11
Arthur C. Walker, postage, etc.	1.70
J. W. Berry, Memorial day appropriation ..	15.00
C. D. Locke, forest fire expenses.....	11.40
C. O. Philbrick, enforcing dog law	2.00
A. R. H. Foss, printing.....	5.50
A. R. H. Foss, treasurer's books.....	4.00
E. C. Eastman, collector's book	2.55
First National Bank, interest on note	45.00
C. O. Philbrick, police services	4.00
N. P. Marden, copying inventory, etc.	6.00
First National Bank, interest on notes	40.50
C. A. Goss, services as tree warden	11.00
First National Bank, interest	33.75
First National Bank, interest	37.50
C. O. Philbrick, police services	2.00
First National Bank, interest	45.00
Selectmen, perambulating town lines.....	12.00
T. W. Parsons, storing road machine.....	4.00

Selectmen, precinct jury	\$90.00
First National Bank, interest	40.50
Thomas H. Simes, advice	15.00
D. J. Parsons, care and driving hearse	27.00
E. E. Ramsdell, police services	6.20
A. A. Jenness, collecting dog tax, etc.	13.50
C. D. Locke, services and expense as fire warden	18.00
J. H. Drake, discount on taxes	705.07
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	\$1,250.78

APPROPRIATION FOR HYDRANTS IN PRECINCT

Gilman M. Lougee	\$175.00
Gilman M. Lougee	175.00
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	\$350.00

LIBRARY

C. M. Remick	\$217.00
C. M. Remick	433.00
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	\$650.00

SALARIES

C. O. Philbrick, Police	\$10.00
E. E. Ramsdell, Police	10.00
A. A. Jenness, Police	10.00
Daniel J. Parsons, Janitor	300.00
B. H. Rand, Clerk	25.00
F. D. Parsons, Treasurer	25.00
J. H. Drake, Collector	190.00
Auditors	4.00
Selectmen	135.00
J. H. Drake, Precinct Collector	23.00
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	\$732.00

SCHOOL EXPENSES

School appropriation.....	\$2,880.00
Books and supplies.....	250.00
Flag account.....	15.00
High School tuition.....	1,100.00
Literary fund.....	107.90
State portion of Superintendent's salary ..	300.00
School Officers' salary.....	75.00
Note and interest.....	360.00
Contingent expenses.....	500.00
Special appropriation.....	1,800.00
Dog tax	155.80
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	\$7,543.70

HIGHWAYS

H. A. White, road agent.....	\$4,468.10
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ABATEMENTS

Moses Philbrick	\$6.60
Charles Churchill.....	3.15
Harry McCaffrey.....	2.00
George D. Boulter.....	1.65
Arnold White	2.00
James N. Tarlton	2.83
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	\$18.23

RECAPITULATION

State tax	\$3,072.00
County tax	3,381.46
Town poor	66.19
Moth work	175.00
Town Hall.....	216.90
Miscellaneous	1,250.78
Precinct for hydrants.....	350.00
Library	650.00

Salaries	\$732.00
School expenses.....	7,543.70
Highways	4,468.10
Abatements.....	18.23
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	\$21,924.36

CHARLES D. LOCKE,
NEWELL P. MARDEN,
ORVILLE F. VARRELL,

Selectmen of Rye.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and have found them correct and properly vouched.

JOHN W. JENNESS,
CHESTER D. DRAKE,

Auditors.

Janitor's Report

For the year ending February 15, 1916.

Receipts

Congregational Society	\$6.50
Christian Society	8.00
Jenness Beach Society	9.50
Dances	22.00
Grange	18.50
Jr. O. U. A. M.	15.00
Friendship Club	20.00
Federated Club	7.00
Crescent Club	7.00
Out of Town	5.00
E. O. T. Club	2.50
Boy scouts	2.50
Locke Reunion	2.00
Ideal Club	1.00
Rent of piano	61.00
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	\$187.50

Expenses

Willard M. Jenness, wood	\$9.75
G. P. Goss, wood	3.25
A. P. Wendell & Co., sweeping compound....	1.00
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	\$14.00

DANIEL J. PARSONS, *Janitor*.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct and properly vouched.

JOHN W. JENNESS,
CHESTER D. DRAKE,
Auditors.

Report of Trustees of Contral Cemetery

Your Trustees will report for the year ending February 15, 1916, having sold four lots by the plan, leaving 28 unsold.

GILMAN P. GOSS,
C. O. PHILBRICK,
LEWIS H. FOSS,

Trustees.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Cash on hand February 15, 1915.....	\$145.72
Ella M. Rand.....	20.00
Charles E. Trefethen.....	20.00
Orin S. Green	35.00

\$220.72

Expenditures

C. O. Philbrick, grading	\$13.50
L. H. Foss, grading	8.75
G. P. Goss, grading.....	24.25
W. S. Eldredge, labor	4.00
W. Currier, labor.....	2.00
F. G. Brown, gravel	7.40
G. P. Goss, mowing and labor.....	7.25
L. H. Foss, mowing and labor.....	6.25
Two water pails .....	.50
G. P. Goss, selling lots and recording deeds	3.00
Cash on hand February 15, 1916.....	143.82

\$220.72

Due from Charles O. Stillings	\$15.00
Due from Fred W. Hankins.....	20.00

\$35.00

G. P. GOSS, *Clerk and Treasurer.*

Report of Highway Agent

SUMMER LABOR ON HIGHWAY

H. A. White	\$493.50
W. D. Sleeper	3.00
G. P. Goss	27.00
A. C. Philbrick	58.25
F. R. Sleeper	39.75
W. M. White	99.50
E. E. Whittaker	6.00
C. W. Lang	165.00
C. E. Trefethen	190.25
N. S. Rand	106.00
F. E. Trefethen	1.50
H. A. White	133.25
G. S. Walker	12.00
J. F. Brown	28.50
E. O. Foss	22.25
L. H. Foss	48.75
H. H. Keene	101.25
E. P. Clark	2.10
E. B. Walker	19.00
E. E. Sterling	24.00
H. R. Sawyer	7.40
Albert Rand	34.00
Garland Wynott	20.00
F. G. Brown	37.80
C. M. Woodman	68.10
J. W. Brown	69.95
C. M. Remick	41.90
A. P. Wendell & Co.	16.16
J. H. Dechene	8.00
F. H. Rand	51.00
E. B. Odiorne	191.75
E. J. Rand	35.75
A. G. Locke	10.40

Hardware	\$15.52
A. E. Drake.....	32.00
W. L. Marden	43.06
S. A. Marden	10.00
J. H. Jenness	34.50
R. J. Locke.....	45.65
W. S. Goss	48.25
J. E. Odiorne.....	23.50
Perley Rand	13.50
I. W. Rand	1.00
W. G. Marston.....	63.00
E. S. Sawyer.....	6.00
C. A. Goss.....	93.50
Ray Trefethen	36.00
W. J. Peek	36.00
Chadwick & Trefethen	3.27
H. K. Philbrick	24.00
W. E. Carter	6.25
W. O. Randall	9.25
F. B. Peek.....	85.00
John Woods.....	92.00
Gilman Walker.....	121.00
W. B. Moulton.....	8.00
E. C. Philbrick.....	4.50
Steam roller	72.00
G. L. Aldrich.....	31.50
F. D. Parsons	13.50
C. D. Garland	2.45
Pryor & Davis	1.75
O. S. Green	4.50
G. H. Brown.....	13.50
J. H. Brown.....	13.50
E. A. Berry.....	23.50
H. H. Hooper.....	13.50
R. W. Rand.....	6.00
S. G. Smart.....	2.00
Harrison Brown	13.50

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Fred Eaton	\$9.00
J. W. Brown	7.00
J. G. Perkins	4.50
E. H. Foss	45.00
Joe Gosline	34.00
Albert Hislop	20.00
Coal	12.00
R. Berry	25.50
H. E. Bishop	5.00
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	\$3,401.01

Received from town	\$4,468.10
Received from state	\$575.20

OIL

Standard Oil Co.....	\$882.29
A. C. Philbrick	94.50
C. M. Woodman	94.50
Pump	25.00
Demurrage	23.00
W. E. Carter	110.00
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	\$1,229.29

STATE ROAD

H. A. White	\$51.00
E. J. Rand	77.50
N. S. Rand	77.50
C. M. Woodman	4.75
C. W. Lang	31.00
C. E. Trefethen	31.00
E. B. Odiorne	31.00
H. H. Keene	31.00
F. R. Sleeper	2.00
E. B. Walker	29.00
Ray Trefethen	19.00

E. C. Sterling	\$6.00	
O. F. Varrell	2.00	
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		\$392.75

WINTER LABOR

W. S. Goss	\$1.50	
G. P. Goss	3.00	
W. L. Marden	5.25	
W. J. Peek	9.00	
H. Brown	1.50	
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		\$20.25

HARRY A. WHITE, *Road Agent.*

Treasurer's Report

For the Fiscal Year ending February 15, 1916.

Receipts

Amount in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1915	\$40.47
From J. H. Drake, Collector taxes, 1913	62.90
J. H. Drake, Collector taxes, 1914	259.68
J. H. Drake, Collector taxes, 1915..	16,032.86
State, Savings Bank tax	2,943.68
Railroad tax	108.92
Insurance tax	19.50
Literary fund	107.90
Proportion of school fund	300.00
Board of excise commis- sioners	31.32
Forestry dept., one-half fire bills	5.70
Town Clerk, dog licenses	172.57
Peddlers' licenses	16.00
Janitor town hall	173.50
First National Bank, Portsmouth, note	1,700.00
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	\$21,975.00

Expenditures

Paid on Selectmen's orders	\$21,924.36
Cash on hand	50.64
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	\$21,975.00

Demands against the Town

Note to the First National Bank, Portsmouth, dated February 15, 1913.....	\$1,500.00
Note to the First National Bank, Portsmouth, dated June 9, 1914.....	2,000.00
Note to the First National Bank, Portsmouth, dated February 15, 1915.....	300.00
Note to the First National Bank, Portsmouth, dated February 15, 1916.....	1,700.00
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	\$5,500.00

Due the Town

From J. H. Drake, Collector taxes, 1912..	\$5.72
J. H. Drake, Collector taxes, 1913..	4.00
J. H. Drake, Collector taxes, 1914 .	205.35
J. H. Drake, Collector taxes, 1915..	502.55
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	\$717.62
Cash on hand	\$50.64
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	\$768.26
Balance against the town	\$4,731.74

FREDERICK D. PARSONS, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct and properly vouched.

JOHN W. JENNESS,
CHESTER D. DRAKE,
Auditors.

Report of Library Trustees

To the Town of Rye:

Your Trustees find in making their report that there is very little to say, as there have been very few changes at the Library during the year.

The Librarian reports a little increase in circulation of books over last year, which goes to show that the people of our town appreciate this valuable gift. The town, having appropriated a liberal sum, and the expenses not being as large as in some years, we were able to purchase more books, the number, the Librarian will doubtless tell you in her report. If the sum appropriated last year could be continued from year to year, your Trustees would be able to add new books as they are needed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. REMICK,
ALFRED C. PHILBRICK,
WILLIAM H. LOCKE,

Library Trustees.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Rye Public Library:

The following is the fourth annual report of the Rye Public Library, showing the work from February 15, 1915, to February 15, 1916:

Number of volumes February 15, 1915	2,380
Number of volumes February 15, 1916	2,700
Increase for year.....	320

Magazines subscribed for	14
Magazines given	10
Total number of magazines	24
Average circulation each opening	80
Largest circulation.....	138
Smallest circulation.....	12
Number of borrowers' cards issued.....	89
Total number of borrowers' cards issued.....	590
Amount of money taken for books overdue.....	\$6.95
Amount left from last year	\$3.81
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Total.....	\$10.76
Amount spent for books.....	\$4.00
Amount spent for magazines	\$1.50
Amount spent for desk supplies	\$3.87
Amount on hand February 15, 1916	\$1.39

Books have been presented by the following:

Mr. John Parsons.
 Mr. Richard Locke.
 Every Other Tuesday Club.
 Miss Corinne Parsons.
 Mr. Archie Webb.
 Master Elmer Brown.
 Mr. Wallace Rand, of Brookline.
 Mrs. Eliza Parsons Marden.
 Mrs. John E. Locke.
 Mr. Henry Concannon.
 Miss Annie S. Dean.
 Mr. Manning K. Rand, of Brookline.
 Miss A. Ruth Shapley.
 Miss Martha A. Seavey.
 Mr. George F. Parsons.
 Mrs. Francis E. Drake.

Miss Helen Brown.
 Mary Baker Eddy Fund.
 Rye Christian Church.
 Mrs. Shirley Philbrick.
 Mrs. Charles Roby.
 Mrs. Paul Whitcomb.
 Mr. Joshua Estey.
 Magazines presented by the following:
 Mr. Thomas Parsons.
 Mrs. Wallace Garrett.
 Mary Baker Eddy Fund.
 Miss Martha A. Seavey.
 Friend.
 Mr. and Mrs. T. Herbert Perkins.

A small increase in circulation, especially in the Children's Department, shows a growing interest in the Library.

HELEN C. DRAKE, *Librarian.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For the Year ending February 15, 1916.

Receipts

Cash on hand, February 15, 1915..... \$49.49
 Received from Town Treasurer, appropriation 650.00

\$699.49

Expenditures

Paid Rockingham County Light and Power
 Company, for lighting and lamps ... \$27.79
 C. E. Walker & Co., for coal..... 69.00
 A. C. Philbrick, for wood 15.00
 Muchemore & Rider, lawn mower and
 ash can 8.75

Paid A. P. Wendell & Co., paint, shellac, etc.	\$7.25	
Walter Costello, glass	1.60	
Edwin Walker, work on library lawn...	3.80	
A. C. Philbrick, work on library lawn..	11.50	
C. M. Remick, work on library lawn...	6.00	
A. C. Philbrick, teaming coal	10.00	
Charles W. Parsons, janitor	70.00	
Mrs. Carrie Marden, cleaning library..	10.00	
William Locke, painting library	3.75	
Helen Drake, librarian.....	135.00	
George B. French Co., books	253.54	
Portsmouth News Agency, magazines..	19.65	
Crowley & Lunt, directory	3.50	
Gaylord Brothers, supplies.....	4.95	
John Templeton, Exeter News-Letter..	1.50	
C. M. Remick, postage, stationery50	
Helen C. Drake, supplies.....	5.30	
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		\$668.38
Cash on hand, February 15, 1916.....	\$31.11	
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		\$699.49

Investments

J. Disco Jenness legacy, deposited in Ports-	
mouth Savings Bank.....	\$200.00
Benjamin F. Webster fund, deposited in	
Portsmouth Trust & Guarantee Co.....	500.00

CHARLES M. REMICK, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct and properly vouched.

JOHN W. JENNESS,
CHESTER D. DRAKE,
Auditors.

Report of the Commissioners of Rye Beach Precinct

LIGHTS

Rockingham County Light and Power Company:

12 globes	\$7.20
Lights for June and July.....	205.20
Lights for August.....	150.00
Lights for September.....	152.78
Underground cable.....	69.84

Edward Perkins Lumber Company:

8 lampposts.....	15.20
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\$600.22

CEMENT WALK

Lewis E. Foss, labor.....	\$2.50
H. A. White, labor.....	63.70
F. P. Moulton, labor and cement.....	130.24
Central Heating & Plumbing Co., fence.....	53.14

\$249.58

OILING ROADS

Standard Oil Company.....	\$239.21
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FIRE PROTECTION

Hampton Water Works Co., hydrants	\$600.00
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William F. Woods:

2 plaster hooks	7.04
Fire axe	1.38
Spanners.....	.83
Ladder strap.....	.88
Double gate valve	6.60
2 shut-off hose pipes.....	38.85
500 feet fire hose.....	175.00

Johnson Ladder Company:

1 34-foot extension ladder.....	\$8.75
1 20-foot roof ladder.....	3.00
1 16-foot ladder.....	1.92
1 12-foot ladder.....	1.44

Fred Reckindorf, heavy iron hook 3.55

Pryor Davis Company:

1 doz. steel hoes.....	5.50
1 doz. steel shovels.....	12.00
Express.....	.15

William F. Woods:

5 Underwriters' fire extinguishers.....	40.00
2 play pipes.....	14.00
Express.....	2.84

Eureka Fire Hose Co., 1000 ft. used hose from

Brookline Fire Department 105.00

Warren B. Moulton, labor and material on

fire wagon 31.64

\$1,060.37

H. A. White, carting off seaweed..... \$21.50

Police service..... 15.00

\$2,185.88

PRECINCT OFFICERS

Commissioners

FRANCIS E. DRAKE,

R. JENNESS LOCKE,

H. RUSSELL SAWYER

Treasurer,

GILMAN M. LOUGEE

Clerk

ABBOTT B. DRAKE

Auditor

C. AUSTIN JENNESS

School Report



SCHOOL OFFICERS

Moderator

NEWELL P. MARDEN

School Clerk

EMMA L. FOSS

School Board

WALLACE S. GOSS,

AGNES E. PERKINS,

WILLARD M. JENNESS

Treasurer

FRED D. PARSONS

Superintendent

CARL COTTON

Teachers

Pearl A. Boutwell.....	South School
May F. Dickerson	West School
Florence Patterson.....	East School
Elizabeth Hett (Grammar).....	Wedgewood School
Ethel B. Anderson (Primary).....	Wedgewood School

Music Teacher

LUCY M. HOYT

Janitors

Allen Brown	South School
William E. Garland.....	West School
Henry P. Varrell.....	East School
George S. Walker.....	Wedgewood School

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

To the Citizens of Rye:

Since making our last report our schools have been under the supervision of Mr. Carl Cotton, and he having become acquainted with the conditions existing in our schools by his last year's experience, assisted by an energetic corps of teachers and the co-operation of the parents and pupils, they have made good progress and are now in good condition. Our music teacher, Miss Lucy M. Hoyt, has a very pleasing way of interesting the pupils in singing, and it is very pleasing to visit the schools during the time she is giving the lessons, and we wish more parents would visit our schools, at least once a year.

We have put in a Watterman Waterbury system of heating and ventilating at the South School, that is working well and giving good satisfaction, also new adjustable seats and desks, and additional seats and desks at the West School, and now have our schoolhouses furnished with modern furniture. We have had the East Schoolhouse shingled, the chimney at the Wedgewood Schoolhouse made 8 feet higher to prevent its smoking and repairs on all the school buildings, making an unusually large bill for repairs this year.

There are now three notes unpaid for the addition to the Wedgewood schoolhouse, payable with interest due on the following dates.

One note, \$300.00 issued August 27, 1912, due August 27, 1916.

One note, \$300.00 issued September 21, 1912, due September 21, 1917.

One note, \$300.00 issued September 21, 1912, due September 21, 1918.

Your School Board, after a careful study of the situation, estimate that to maintain our schools and make the needed repairs to our schoolhouses we shall need for the current year and submit to the Selectmen the following to be raised according to P. S. 88-2 for the support and maintenance of

the schools, for text-books and supplies, for flags and appurtenances, high school tuition, district note and interest on district notes for the ensuing year.

For support of schools required by law	\$2,880.00
Text books and supplies.....	250.00
Flags and appurtenances.....	15.00
High school tuition.....	1,600.00
District note, due August 27, 1916.....	300.00
Interest on district note.....	45.00

SCHOLARS ATTENDING PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Alfred Belcher.	Edna M. Garland.
Dorris F. Berry.	Stella V. Millette.
Hazel M. Berry.	Marjorie W. Mitchell.
Hilda M. Berry.	George F. Parsons.
Evelyn Brown.	Josephine Philbrick.
Helen V. Brown	Louise A. Rand.
Levinia C. Burrell.	Frances E. Remick.
Myrtle V. Caswell.	Ervin G. Seavey.
J. Henry Concannon.	Hilda J. Trefethen.
Mary E. Davidson.	Agnes P. Tuck.
Pauline Davidson.	Albert S. Tuck.
Reginald Dechene.	Grace L. Tuck.
George E. Downes.	Mildred M. Tucker.
Analesa M. Foss.	Ruth Varrell.
Reginald A. Foss.	Mildred E. Yeaton.

TEACHERS' EXPENSES

Carl Cotton, Superintendent of Schools.....	\$574.07
Pearl A. Boutwell, South School.....	416.00
Elizabeth Hett, Grammar, Wedgewood.....	488.00
Mildred E. Gove, Primary, Wedgewood.....	173.80
Ethel B. Anderson, Primary, Wedgewood...	240.00
Florence Patterson, East School.....	358.50
Gertrude Elliot, East School.....	50.00
May F. Dickerson, West School.....	401.40

Phyllis Sugden, West School.....	\$2.30
Mrs. DeRochmont, West School.....	2.30
Lucy M. Hoyt, music teacher.....	162.00

\$2,868.37

JANITORS' EXPENSES

William E. Garland, West School.....	\$55.00
George S. Walker, Wedgewood School.....	72.00
Henry P. Varrell, East School.....	41.80
Alan Brown, South School.....	36.00

\$204.80

TUITIONS

Portsmouth High School, winter term.....	\$450.00
Portsmouth High School, spring term.....	457.50
Portsmouth High School, fall term.....	660.00

\$1,567.50

SALARIES

Wallace S. Goss, School Board.....	\$20.00
Agnes E. Perkins, School Board.....	20.00
Willard M. Jenness, School Board.....	20.00
Willard M. Jenness, Truant Officer.....	5.00
Fred D. Parsons, Treasurer.....	10.00
Newell P. Marden, Moderator.....	2.00
Emma L. Foss, School Clerk.....	2.00

\$79.00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

J. L. Hammett Company.....	\$34.27
Edward E. Babb & Co.....	141.20
Herbert L. Palmal.....	26.47
Ginn & Company.....	6.01
American Book Co.....	15.84
Milton Bradley Co.....	22.64
Macmillan Company.....	2.92

\$249.35

FLAGS

Muchemore & Rider Company	\$14.00
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FUEL

C. E. Walker & Co., coal	\$236.75
Willard M. Jenness, wood	167.50
Fred D. Parsons, teaming coal	37.00
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	\$41.25

REPAIRS

American Seating Company, castings	\$2.30
H. J. Harwood Sons, school furniture	243.49
Watterman Waterbury Co., heater	102.90
Walter S. Philbrick, labor and stock at South and Wedgewood Schoolhouses	95.06
E. N. MacNabb & Co. shingling East School house	241.80
R. F. Varrell, installing heater and repairs ..	83.25
Pryor Davis Co., hardware and paint	53.51
W. H. Locke, labor and glass	69.98
J. G. Sweetser, funnel East Schoolhouse	12.28
Lewis H. Foss, labor Wedgewood Schoolhouse	.50
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	\$905.07

TRANSPORTATION

Electric railway tickets	\$153.00
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NOTE AND INTEREST

District note and interest, due August 27, 1915.	
Note	\$300.00
Interest	60.00
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	\$360.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Henry P. Varrell, cleaning East School and labor.....	\$7.00
Carrie M. Marden, cleaning South and Wedgewood schoolhouses and walls.....	20.00
Jesse Walker, reeving halyards in iron pole.	1.00
C. D. Garland, brooms, coal hod, etc.....	2.18
Moses Philbrick, cleaning clock .....	.75
Pryor Davis Co., shovel, brush, brooms, etc.	6.70
Dustwax Mfg. Co., dustwax.....	10.00
Richard F. Varrell, labor on settees.....	.50
Fred D. Parsons, cleaning school yard and postage.....	2.25
William H. Locke, glass and setting.....	2.85
E. C. Jenness, brooms, pails, etc.....	2.13
Margeson Brothers, shades.....	2.00
A. R. H. Foss, order books.....	7.50
Willard M. Jenness, cleaning South School yard.....	3.00
Willard M. Jenness, labor, postage, telephone and small bills paid.....	13.11
Boston & Maine R. R., freight.....	20.96
Shirley Brown, cleaning West Schoolhouse..	5.00
Wallace S. Goss, lumber, cleaning vaults, teaming heater, furniture, grading, postage and small bills paid.....	31.41
Carl Cotton, supplies, postage, telephone, express, and small bills paid.....	17.56

 \$155.90

RECAPITULATION

Teachers' salaries.....	\$2,868.37
Janitors' salaries.....	204.80
Tuitions.....	1,567.50
District officers.....	79.00
Books and supplies.....	249.35
Flags.....	14.00
Fuel.....	441.25
Repairs and new furniture.....	905.07
Transportation.....	153.00
Note and interest.....	360.00
Miscellaneous.....	155.90
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	\$6,998.24

Respectfully submitted,

WALLACE S. GOSS,
AGNES E. PERKINS,
WILLARD M. JENNESS,

School Board.

February 21, 1916.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct and properly vouched.

JOHN W. JENNESS,
CHESTER D. DRAKE,

Auditors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Rye School Board:

Owing to the fact that there are so many topics essential for consideration in this report it has been necessary to make statements as briefly as possible consistent with clearness. I shall be glad to talk fully with parents or citizens, at any time, upon matters which pertain to the schools.

The customary good attendance has held throughout the year. The attendance last fall was the best in the history of the district for any one term, while the attendance for the whole of last year equalled that of any previous year.

I believe that the standard of teaching in Rye is improving. We have had but one change in the teaching force since the last report. For this vacancy we were able to secure the services of a capable teacher. It would be a wise policy for the school board to retain the services of those teachers whose qualifications are proficient at a stated increase in salary. An understanding with the parents and children becomes clear about the termination of a year's service. To a teacher who attends the summer session an additional increase should be given. The time is not far distant when the services of the teacher will be retained by the school board for the full year with the requirement that the vacation shall be utilized in some such definite way in the service of the town.

Our present school system is based upon an elementary school course of eight years and a high school course of four years. This system is now regarded defective, in many ways, owing to the bad adjustments of the child to the work, at about the fifth grade. Our school system is now organized upon the plan that knowledge constitutes the basis of school work. The basis which we should organize our school work upon is that of developing, to the full extent and in the right manner, those instincts and impulses which are in the children of this age. Much of the knowledge which we have sought to impart may be purchased in the form of handy manuals, dictionaries, atlases, trade papers, etc., in better form and more

comprehensively arranged for a small price than the present methods of our schools may hope to develop.

The child longs for a wider vision of the activities of the world and desires an opportunity to have the whole field of human knowledge in its elements presented to him. This calls for a change in our present curriculum, which will give the child the opportunity to branch out, about the age of twelve, as nature directs him to, and investigate a wide range of subjects.

Mathematics, sciences, foreign languages, household arts, manual training and local industries should receive their treatment at this period. At this time the largest number of our pupils drop out of school. Many pupils, also, find it difficult to adapt themselves to the wide difference which exists between the high school and the grammar school as it is now organized. A rearrangement of the programme should result in a better articulation between the high school and the elementary school. It has already been demonstrated in places where the schools have been reorganized to meet the above and other local conditions that more pupils are held in school for a longer period of time.

The plan is to divide our grades into three groups instead of two, as at present. One group, the high school, comprising the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades only; the second group which is usually known as the junior high school, consisting of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades only; and a third group of schools, the elementary schools proper, comprising the schools of the first six grades. A new Elementary State School programme, based upon this plan, is already in the hands of the printer.

It is desirable that a change of this character should not be made abruptly. In the course of two years it would be possible to organize our elementary schools upon a six-year basis. At this point it is obviously appropriate for the school board to consider seriously whether or not the economic interests of the town, as well as the best interests of the children, might be best served by a high school.

High schools are generally organized to meet the local needs of the place where the high school is located. If it is a city high school, it trains for city life. If it is a country high school, it trains for country life. In too many cases we have sent our children away to be educated for the development of another place, when they were born and bred to promote the development of the resources of their own town. In a country high school there should be an agricultural course, comprising industrial work for boys, the science of farming, training in mechanics, etc., and for the girls, general industrial work co-ordinate with the science of farming and domestic science with the other courses. In other words, the state should provide a system of education that will appeal, through its varied subject matter, to every individual. Not to do this savors of aristocracy, not democracy.

Such a high school should contribute toward the upbuilding of community life and the development of the farm. A high school, with courses based upon agriculture and domestic science and a parallel college preparatory course, should serve not only this town well, but a large section of this state. The income from such an institution would offset the expense of a plant and equipment. It is highly probable that such a high school would not only be self-supporting, but a source of revenue to the town.

The Parent-Teachers Association, which was organized last spring, has already contributed in many ways toward the success of the schools. All of the meetings have been well attended by the parents. The services of the officers of the association, who have shown much zeal in their work, is much appreciated by both the parents and the school officials. This organization is open to all parents and citizens. We anticipate a healthy growth of the organization.

In the earlier grades much reading has been done, not only for the purpose of expression, but for giving the child the power to acquire the thought from the printed page. Reading material has been added as fast as is consistent with a proper choice. A demand for more reading has been created by cul-

tivating the natural interest which the child has in reading much subject matter in the story form. Much care has been exercised in the selection of these texts.

In the middle grades, while more emphasis has been given to expression, facility in rapid and accurate silent reading is sought. Tests in reading have been conducted, not for the sole purpose of disclosing the merit of each individual pupil, but to disclose to both teacher and pupil the power the mind has to grasp and retain large quantities of reading matter in a limited amount of time.

These tests, also, demonstrate to the teacher the varying capacities of the pupils. They enable her to locate the children who need individual attention. In classes which are not too large much individual attention may be given to each child, so that the pupil of average ability does not receive all of the teacher's time, but so that a proper proportion of her time may be devoted to the brighter pupils and to those who are not so rapid in ability.

In the upper grades supplementary reading has been supplied which is not over literary in character. A type of reading matter which appeals in interest to the pupils of this age and which reflects the best thought in literature, history, science, and art, has been selected.

Much supplementary reading in geography and history has been done in the grammar school, with the encyclopedias, standard authors obtained from the local library and a few source books and biographies purchased with the supply money. Children of this age naturally crave an opportunity to dip into a wide range of subjects and activities. The additional stress laid here has both increased the interest in school work and served to bring the treatment of the subjects nearer to the methods employed in the high school.

In writing, painstaking and careful work has been done by our teachers. The development of a rational method of teaching the subject has been the aim. The pupil is required to make a conscious effort to produce a good style of handwriting at all times, as well as during the writing period. Careful

measurements were made in this subject twice last year. A good amount of improvement was apparent.

Arithmetic has been attacked from two points of view. Quick and accurate work in the use of the fundamental facts and processes, and the development of reasoning in connection with problems which have utilitarian values. Definite standards have been established for attainment of facility in the use of fundamental facts. Tests have been made which show where the individual weaknesses are located. Proper remedies are applied to those cases which require individual attention. When a pupil has attained a certain maximum proficiency in the use of fundamentals, he is simply held to this standard and required to devote a larger portion of his time to work in the rational use of number.

The conduct of the music course is noteworthy. The individual interest which is taken in each pupil is a praiseworthy phase of her work. Many good singers have been made of those who started out as monotones. Work of this character is particularly desirable for the type of schools which we have in this district. Music has become fixed in the course of study because it tends to produce a keener appreciation of life through a finer discrimination of the sound sense and its expression. One who lacks a music training readily perceives the necessity of music in the course of study.

I believe that the addition of courses in manual training and cooking and sewing would place our schools upon a par with other schools.

I wish, at this time, to express my appreciation of the cordial and hearty co-operation which has been extended to me by the members of the school board.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL COTTON,

District Superintendent Schools.

Portsmouth, N. H., February 21, 1916.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

(I) Arranged according to excellence of attendance.

School and Teacher	Pupils Registered		Av. Daily Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Per cent. Attendance
	Boys	Girls			
<i>West</i>					
May F. Dickerson	9	5	11.44	20	99.
<i>Grammar</i>					
Elizabeth Hett	10	16	23.	16	95.78
<i>East</i>					
Annie Goss.	19	20	30.78	16	95.72
Gertrude Elliot.					
Florence Patterson. . .					
<i>South</i>					
Pearl Boutwell	16	14	27.65	45	95.01

Visits: by Board, 32; by Superintendent, 160; by Citizens, 202.

(II) Promotion and retardation, June, 1915.

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
Pupils promoted . . .	10	13	16	7	12	7	11	11
Pupils not promoted	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Number in grade I	11							
years old	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Average age of class	6.9	6.6	7.10	8.3	11.1	12.2	13.1	14.2
Per cent. promotions	95							

(III) Comparative table for five years

	1914-15	1913-14	1912-13	1911-12	1910-11
Total No. pupils	133	151	156	146	129
Attending two weeks.....	133	148	155	144	129
Average membership.....	117	125	132	118	116
Average daily attendance.....	111	118	124	108	106
Per cent. attendance.....	95.10	94	94	91	91
Per cent. attendance State...	..	..	92	90	90
Tardiness.....	88	188	310	181	245
No. in high school	33	11	18	17	18

(IV) Enrollment by grades, fall, 1915

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
Elizabeth Hett.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	12	25
Ethel Anderson...	6	4	1	7	4	1	..	..	23
Florence Patterson	5	7	7	3	5	4	..	..	31
Pearl Boutwell...	2	7	6	5	..	8	..	..	28
May Dickerson...	8	2	2	4	3	2	..	..	21
Lucy M. Hoyt, music.									
Total.....	21	20	16	19	12	15	13	12	128

ROLL OF HONOR

Neither Absent nor Tardy for Two Years

Harry Brown

Neither Absent nor Tardy for One Year

Hazel Sterling.	Vivian Jenness.
Florence Rand.	Philena Morton.
Marjorie Mitchell.	Harry Brown.
	Jean Frazier

Two Terms

Carrie Odiorne.	Katherine Downes.
Helen Trefethen.	Geraldine Foss.
Charles Wendell.	Mary C. Philbrick.
Herbert Varrell.	William Morton.
Richard Rand.	Edward Morton.
Richard Locke.	Alexander Brown.
Leonard Seavey.	Harry Brown.
Alice Berry.	Jessie Mitchell.

One Term

John Wendell.	Wilmer Varrell.
Cecil Reed.	Ernest Chick.
Ernest Phinney.	Gerald Foss.
Charles Rand.	Arthur Parsons.
Charles Seavey.	Muriel Belcher.
Frank Trefethen.	Josephine Locke.
Mildred Seavey.	Sarah Roberts.
Beryl Yeaton.	Jessie Mitchell.
Pauline Davidson.	Anna Pierce.
Mildred Varrell.	Edith Pierce.
Joseph Rawding.	Grace Pierce.
George Tucker.	Merton Berry.
Sadie Brown.	Edith Brown.
Ralph Hammond.	William Morton.
Charles Rawding.	Marion Philbrick.
Lawrence Seavey.	Dorothy Ward.

Pearl Berry.

School Treasurer's Report

For the Fiscal Year ending February 15, 1916.

Receipts

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1915	\$999.56
From Town Treasurer:	
School appropriation.....	6,980.00
One half superintendent's salary from state	300.00
Literary fund, from state.....	107.90
Dog tax of 1914.....	155.80
From Boston & Maine R. R., redemption of tickets.....	6.80
From sale of old stove.....	.50
Town North Hampton for tuition of Brown children	51.00
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	\$8,601.56

Expenditures

Paid on School Board's orders.....	\$6,998.24
Cash on hand.....	1,603.32
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	\$8,601.56

FREDERICK D. PARSONS, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct and properly vouched.

JOHN W. JENNESS,
CHESTER D. DRAKE,

Auditors.

School Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District, in the Town of Rye, qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District, on the twenty-fifth day of March, 1916, at one-thirty o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following subjects.

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote in relation thereto.
6. To choose Agents, Auditors, or Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate in addition to the amount required by law for the use or support of the schools.
8. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Rye, this twenty-first day of February, 1916.

WALLACE S. GOSS,
AGNES E. PERKINS,
WILLARD M. JENNESS,

School Board.

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:

WALLACE S. GOSS,
AGNES E. PERKINS,
WILLARD M. JENNESS,

School Board.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Rye, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1915

Date	Name of Child (if any).	Living or Still-born.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male or Female.	No. of Child.					
Jan. 3	Mary	F	10	L	Frank J. Trefethen	Margaret Conley	Rye	Ireland.
5		M	3	"	Willie S. Eldridge	Bertha G. Locke	Nova Scotia	North Hampton.
Feb. 6	Mary E.	F	2	"	George C. Trefethen	May B. Webb	Rye	New Jersey
Mar. 15		M	13	"	Charles W. Varrell	Annie Burrall	Rye	Nova Scotia.
May 10	Frank W.	"	1	"	Frank B. Patrick	Ada White	Malden, Mass.	Rye.
11		F	4	"	Erven C. Philbrick	Mary L. Philbrook	Rye	Exeter.
June 16	Marion	"	2	"	H. Clinton Taylor	Mary Hobson	Haverhill, Ms.	Haverhill, Ms.
26	Paul B.	M	2	"	Wilbert J. Little	Madge Tucker	Portsmouth	Rye.
July 15		F	2	S	Willis B. Saunders	Theo D. Varrell	Portsmouth	Rye.
Aug. 2	Anna	"	10	"	John J. Hogan	Alice Reine	Ireland	Ireland.
2	Matilda	"	11	"	John J. Hogan	Alice Reine	Ireland	Ireland.
Nov. 21	David E.	M	4	L	John D. Hammond	Harriet J. Carew	Massachusetts	P. E. Island.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Rye, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1915

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Mar. 13	Rye	Justin M. Hanscom Sadie M. Knight	22 30	W "	New Castle Boston, Mass.	Justin F. Hanscom Martha E. Marvin Theodore R. Knight Nellie A. Knight Albert M. Johnson Mary F. Mace William A. Hutchinson Arabel Small P. William Rieb Annie Smith John W. Stillwell Jean B. Slaven Samuel A. Odiorne Annie O. Trefethen James Corkum Minnie Richards Thomas Hooker Sarah A. Bowles George B. Morgan Mary D. Nelson John Millet Augusta Ericson Andrew S. Marston Nora Mansfield Henry Graham Martha A. Flack Charles H. Fish Agnes A. Cheney Charles W. Karlson Charlotte Boughtwood Horace Sawyer Susan M. Jenness	1st "	Rev. J. B. Fenwick, Ry.
May 15	Portsmouth	Charles C. Johnson Lena Hutchinson	25 28	W "	Rye Nova Scotia		1st "	E. L. Guptill, J. P., Portsmouth.
June 2	Quincy, Mass.	George A. Rieb Marjorie A. Stillwell	24 19	W "	Rye Staten I'd, N.Y.		1st "	Rev. Wm. Grainger, Quincy, Mass.
June 3	Portsmouth	Otis C. Odiorne Mamie Corkum	22 18	W "	Rye Nova Scotia		1st "	Rev. F. J. Scott, Portsmouth.
Sept. 14	Rye	Thomas Hooker, Jr. Emily M. Morgan	33 27	W "	Connecticut Connecticut		1st "	Rev. N. G. Gammach, Fitchburg, Mass.
Sept. 29	North Hampton	Theodore J. Millet Fannie M. Philbrick	24 19	W "	Manchester North Hampton		1st 2d	Rev. C. H. LaRue, North Hampton.
Oct. 6	Rye	Clarence F. Graham Mary J. Fish	28 25	W "	Troy, N. Y. Manchester		1st "	Rev. V. M. Haughton, Exeter.
Oct. 27	Rye	Charles B. Karlson Mildred Sawyer	26 26	W "	Cambridge, Ms. Rye		1st "	Rev. H. A. Barber, Frammingham, Mass.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Rye, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1915

Date	Name and surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
Jan. 3	Mary Trefethen	62	3	1	Rye	F	W	M	Frank J. Trefethen	Margaret Conley.
Feb. 7	Emma A. Drake	76	4	7	Rye	"	"	S	Benjamin Philbrick	Angelina Batchelder.
Mar. 1	Mary E. Knowlton	76	4	21	Boston, Mass.	"	"	S	Timothy Knowlton	Susan R. Locke.
31	William J. Marden	76			Rye	M	"	W	William B. Marden	Martha Mason.
Apr. 3	Nancy B. Weeks	88	11	7	Waterville, Me.	F	"	"	Stephen Tozier	Joanna Bates.
10	William H. Keepers	70			Ohio	M	"	M	Isaac B. Keepers	Mary Hickson.
12	Samuel F. Marden	60	1	30	Rye	"	"	S	George Marden	Martha Mason.
May 6	William C. Walker	82	2	19	Rye	"	"	W	Jonathan T. Walker	Mary E. Brown.
21	Norman L. Parsons	22	10	2	Rye	"	"	S	Daniel J. Parsons	Annie Leavitt.
28	Mary A. Seavey	76	9		Rye	F	"	M	Nathaniel Balch	Elizabeth Tucker.
July 2	Martha E. Trefethen	64	3	2	Portsmouth	"	"	"	Amos S. Jenness	Sarah A. Locke.
4	Martha S. Parsons	85	10	17	Rye	"	"	W	George G. Lougee	Josephine Adams.
4	Adams L. Lougee	43	9	15	Rye	M	"	M	John J. Hogan	Alice Reine.
Aug. 2	Anna Hogan (stillborn)				Rye	F	"	"	John J. Hogan	Alice Reine.
2	Matilda Hogan (stillborn)				Rye	"	"	W		
16	Gilman Garland	79	8	20	Rye	M	"	"	Nathan Clough	Abigail Marden.
19	Belle C. Locke	63	6	16	Rye	F	"	M	Samuel H. Whidden	Data A. Brown.
28	Antoinette A. Garland	65	10	22	Portsmouth	"	"	W	John Locke	Mary Powers.
Oct. 18	Maria A. Berry	79	7	26	Rye	"	"	M	Thomas R. Philbrick	Olive Locke.
24	Emma O. Moulton	67		8	Rye	"	"	W		

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